



# Hairdresser / Hairstylist

## Description

Hairdressers/Hairstylists are specialists for hair care and hair styling. They are responsible for cutting and hair care, hair styling, colouring and chemical hair treatments. They work on hair shampooing, straightening, curling, colouring and blow-drying, do extensions, provide beard and moustache shaving and trimming. They advise their customers on suitable hairstyles adequate for particular occasions, hair colour, and products that soothe and restore scalp's health and revive hair. Good hygienic practice and keeping the salon clean and tidy, as well as maintaining tools and equipment is vital for a good look of a salon. Hairdressers are also responsible for ordering materials and taking payment for services performed. Communication with colleagues is another vital aspect of this occupation.

Hairdressers work quickly and accurately. Every hairstyle is a result of a hairstylist work and skills. Thanks to his creativity and good observation they manage to surprise their clients, they keep up with the latest hair trends, talk to their customers and advise them on what is good for their hair and what might suit them less. They have to be attentive and helpful to keep their regular clients and to separate themselves from the growing competition in the market. This profession requires continuous upgrading, learning new working methods, keeping up with new products and trends. On the other side, standing for extended periods as well as having too many clients can be tiring.

## Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual ability / hand skills;
- Creativity and sense of shape and colour;
- Attention to detail;
- Accuracy and responsibility;
- Communication skills and politeness;
- Being well-organised and flexible;
- Patience;
- Team work

## Positive aspects:

- The job is interesting, creative and versatile. There is a possibility of further education and advancement. Hairdressers are skilful and precise. They create the most beautiful hair styles with their manual dexterity. They communicate with and give advice to their customers. These services are in high demand.

## Negative aspects:

- Everyday contact with customers may be demanding as it is not easy to make every customer satisfied. The work requires periods of long standing, work is done on weekends. Good hair style requires a lot of dedicated work and time.

## Career path/ fields of work

The hairdresser's job requires completion of a three-year secondary vocational education. There are also numerous trainings and courses for furthering knowledge and acquiring additional competences in this profession.

Hairdressers may work in larger and smaller hair salons and beauty salons. Hairdressers often run their own businesses, i.e. they have their own hair salons.